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For: INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICE WITH
CONFIGURATION, FAULT ISOLATION
AND REDUNDANT FAULT ASSIST
FUNCTIONALLY

Examiner: T. Q. Nguyen

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Applicants submit herewith a copy of the foreign patent and the non-patent literature document in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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